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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Alan L. Taylor, Jeffrey Lucovsky and Karl Owen

Application No.: 09/376,173

Group No.: 2126

Filed: 08/17/1999

Examiner: Zhen, L.

For: System, Device, and Method for Interprocessor Communication in a Computer System

**RESPONSE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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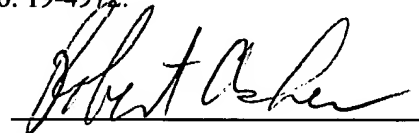
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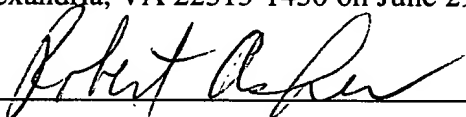
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection based on newly cited reference Aditham. Applicants respectfully submit that the client-target message passing service of Applicant's invention is not obvious in view of the cited art including the non-analogous collaborative application framework of Aditham. The claims are thus believed to be in condition for allowance.

Summary of Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview held on June 29 with Applicants' counsel. The Examiner considered the Remarks given below, but as to claims 1 and 10 he read the claims more broadly than Applicants intended. Applicants intend that the message passing service provide communication services between a client application and at least one target application. The session control logic opens a session to allow these communications. This is made explicit in claims 2 and 11 by the additional elements, which recite that synchronous and asynchronous communication services are provided over the message passing service session. The cited prior art references fail to disclose or suggest session control logic that enables the synchronous communication service and/or the asynchronous communication services over a message passing service session as claimed.

Claim 22 includes sending an asynchronous message over the session and receiving a confirmation over the session. Claim 22 should be allowable as explained below.

The remarks below were previously sent to the Examiner for review, with the exception of the underlined text.